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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The main reasons for the Government taking power upon themselves to appoint Secretaries to the Market Committees are :

(1) to relieve the Chairman of the Market Committee of the burden of office routine;

(2) to place the responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the Market Committee on one executive authority (viz., the Secretary);

(3) to cope with the expansion of activities of Market Committees; and

(4) to ensure the appointment of persons with technical qualifications as Secretaries to Market Committees.

" (*b*) A general improvement is reported in the activities of the South Arcot Market Committee since the advent of the Secretary appointed by the Government. For example the markets at Chinnasalem and Ulundurpet are reported to have been improved. It is too soon to say whether there is any improvement in the financial position of the Market Committee."

Industrial Museum, Madras

* 1830 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what rent is paid by the organizers of the Industrial Museum at Mount Road to the Government;

(*b*) whether the buildings used for the Museum are required for the extension of the Government Press at Mount Road;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a separate building has been asked for by the Museum authorities in the Government Estate, Mount Road, for the industrial museum;

(*d*) what are the aid and loan given by the Government to this Industrial Museum; and

(*e*) whether the Government have examined what the resources of the Museum are, before granting the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Rs. 5 per mensem.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The request was for a site. A proposal is under consideration to put up a building on a site in the Government Estate facing Mount Road, with financial assistance from the Government of India to be used by the Handicrafts Emporium in Madras, set up by the Government of India, and the Industrial Museum.

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"(d) A sum of Rs. 5,000 has been given to the Madras Industries Association annually from 1949–50 to enable it to maintain the Central Industrial Museum.

The services of a Co-operative Sub-Registrar also have been given free of cost to the Association for employment as Superintendent in its office.

"(e) The grants were sanctioned from time to time, only after the Government were satisfied from the financial position of the Association that such assistance was necessary."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கவர்ன்மெண்டு கட்டடத்தை எந்த குறிப்பிட்ட இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் மியூசியமுக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. யாரால் நடத்தப்படுகிறது. கைத்தொழில் பொருள்கள் விற்பனையாகின்றனவா அல்லது மியூசியமாக கருதப்படுகின்றதா ? இதை பரிசீலனை செய்து வேறு எந்த நடவடிக்கையாவது எடுப்பதற்கு கனம் அமைச்சர் முன்வருவாரா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பல ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. 1937–38-ம் வருஷத்திலே கொடுக்கப்பட்டது என்று நினைக்கிறேன். இதற்கு ஒரு கமிட்டி இருக்கிறது. அந்தக் கமிட்டிதான் இதை நடத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த கமிட்டியில் அரசாங்கத்தின் பிரதிநிதிகள் இருக்கிறார்கள். இது மியூசியம் மட்டுமல்ல ; அதில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பொருள்களும் விற்கப்படுகின்றன."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்த கமிட்டி சரியாக நடைபெறவில்லை என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கவனத்திற்கு கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். எனவே அதை பரிசீலனை செய்ய அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" எவ்வாறு நடந்து கொண்டு வருகிறதென்பதை பரிசீலனை செய்துகொண்டு வருகிறது என்று சொன்னேன். மேலும் பரிசீலனை செய்யும்."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that members are not enrolled to this Committee freely and that annual elections are held amongst themselves with a view to have vested interests elected every year with the result that it does not function on a democratic basis?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps the hon. Member refers to the provision for co-opting a certain number of members by the Association?"

Pest-attacks, Chingleput district

* 1831 Q.—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the area affected by pests in Chingleput district this year;

(b) the variety of pesticides supplied by the Agriculture department ; and

(c) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been approached to prescribe any pesticides which will be a preventive for all paddy pests?